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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY
TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
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E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF TAIWANESE FISHERMEN

REF: 75 PORT MORESBY 0556

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE RECEIVED FROM DEPT
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF GPNG:

QTE (STANDARD OPENING)....REQUEST THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN
RELAYING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE TAIWANESE FISHERIES
BOARD OR APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES THROUGH THE KIND EMBASSY'S
COUNTERPART IN TAIPEI IN RESPECT OF ENTRY OF TAIWANESE FISHING
VESSEL INTO THE MILNE BAY WATERS.

THE DEPT WISHES TO ADVISE THAT ON 17TH MARCH 1977 A
TAIWANESE FISHING VESSEL "TSIM MAN SEN: NO. 0395 SANK AT
10:30 P.M. THAT NIGHT. ON 22 MARCH 1977 THE CREW OF
FIFTEEN (15) TAIWANESE FISHERMEN ARRIVED IN SAMARAI ON THEIR
TWO EIGHTEEN FEET DINGHIES. AN INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN
CARRIED OUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE 23RD MARCH 1977 IN
SAMARAI BY PROPER AUTHROTIES THERE.DURING THE INTERVIEW
WITH TOW OF THE CREW MEMBERS THEY SAID THAT THEY HAD A
SHIPWRECK, THE SHIP SANK BUT ALL FIFTEEN MEN ON BOARD WERE
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SAFE AND NOBODY WAS MISSING.

ALL THE CREW MEMBERS AND THE CAPTAIN ARE NOW IN SAMARAI.

PARTICULARS OF THE TAIWANESE SHIP/AND CREWS:

NAME OF SHIP: TSIM MAN SEN

OWNER: TSHAI TIN SHUE
PORT OF REGISTRY: TAIWAN
TONNAGE GROSS: 74.17
NET: UNKNOWN
OFFICIAL NUMBER: 0395
TYPE OF ENGINE: YAMAHA DIESEL 160 H.P.
LENGTH IN FEET: 35 FEET
TYPE OF VESSEL: JUNK
COLOUR: DARK BLUE
MASTER: CHANG SHING PENG
NATIONALITY: TAIWANESE
CREW (ALL TAIWANESE NATIONALITY)
KWAN UNG YEE
HANG KUNG HO
WAN LOM HWA
CHAN TER TSER
CHAN AN EE
OO MING TSER
LA'AI LONGE EE
OO TER CHAN
SUNG CO CHAN
KAU MIN TAN
SUNG CO HOWAH
SUNG CHAN DWE
SER STING SUN
SHEE KUN CHIR

THE DEPT WISHES TO ADVISE THAT THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA
GOVERNMENT CANNOT AFFORD TO REPATRIATE THE WHOLE FIFTEEN
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PEOPLE AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN
OR THE COMPANY CONCERNED COULD ASSIST THEM TO BE SENT BACK
TO TAIWAN. AS THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WHERE THE TAIWANESE
ARE INVOLVED THIS DEPT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE THAT
THE TAIWANESE BE PROVIDED WITH LIMITED ASSISTANCE OF BOARDING
AND LODGING FOR A LIMITED PERIOD UNTIL ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN
BY THE TAIWANESE AUTHORITIES.

(STANDARD CLOSING)

DATED 12 APR

2. PLEASE PASS THE INFORMATION ON THE TAIWANESE GOVERNMENT.
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